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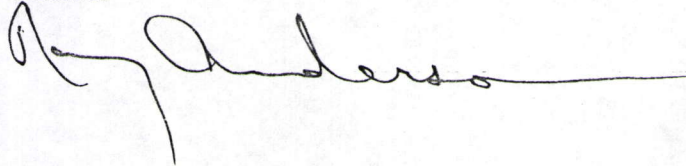
Attached is a letter setting forth some preliminary thoughts regarding the captioned application.

Regardless of the final decision on the application, I would hope that it would be based on objective facts rather than religious affiliation or emotion.

It seems to me that the issues are not about the religious affiliation of the property owner, but about private property rights in general and what is best for the long-term public interests in Little Cottonwood Canyon.

I look forward to receiving a full disclosure of the facts relating to the proposed rock extraction project at the public hearing on 3/18.

Thanks.



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Dear Commission Members:

As a resident of the Granite Community and an enthusiast of outdoor activities in Little Cottonwood Canyon, I am very interested in application PL97-2265 to quarry granite rock from the canyon. At this point in time, I have not formulated a personal opinion regarding the proposal and am keeping an open mind until all facts regarding the application have been presented to the public.

The purpose of this memo is to communicate some initial thoughts I have regarding the proposal and to suggest some specific questions that I would like to see addressed at the public hearing on 3/18.

My initial thoughts regarding the proposal are as follows:

1. Ownership of the quarry property should be irrelevant to the county's decision-making process. Any owner should be subject to the same criteria and process for the county to formulate an objective decision.
2. Unless there is some compelling reason to prevent quarrying of the stone, private property rights should be respected and the property owners allowed to use their property as they desire.
3. If the quarrying will do irreparable damage to the scenic beauty or stability of the canyon, alternative sources of stone should be considered.
4. Impact of the proposal should be thoroughly reviewed and communicated to the public.
5. Measures should be taken by the county to insure that rights of adjacent property owners and the general public are protected.

Specific questions that I would like to see addressed at the public hearing include:

1. What will be the near-term and long-term impact of the proposed permit on the scenic beauty and stability of the canyon?
2. What is the specific area affected by the permit?

3. How many freestanding boulders will be consumed to meet the 11,400 tons of rock to be quarried? (Are we talking about three boulders, thirty, three hundred or three thousand?)
4. What is the timing and duration of the project?
5. Will access to popular rock climbing areas on the north side of the canyon wall be prohibited during the project? If so, for how long? Can alternative access be provided during this period?
6. How many individuals (e.g. hikers, climbers) will be directly affected if access is temporarily prohibited?
7. Are there any long-term improvements to the area (e.g. parking, picnic area, sanitary facilities, trail access, etc.) that will result from the project?
8. What are the present property rights of the owner to use resources on the land?
9. Are other acceptable sources of stone available?
10. What are the normal criteria and process for determining whether a permit of this nature approved? Are any exceptions to the normal criteria or process being made for this owner?
11. What specific commitments is the property owner making to minimize danger and inconvenience to the public during the project?
12. What specific commitments is the property owner making to minimize environmental impact and restore the appearance of the site at the conclusion of the project?

I am confident that once all the facts are communicated and understood, the best decision for both the owner of the quarry property and the public will be reached by the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,



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